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### Thanks

... to those who acknowledged World Teacher Day by affirming their child's teacher in some way this week ... never too late if you haven't had a chance.

... to our headlice inspection team

### People of the week

... Ryan Johnson for writing an amazing story this week.

... Alfred Daly ... please see the end of the newsletter.

### Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

27 October	Lunchtime Athletics Competitions start
29 October	Year 8 girls HPV vaccination (2)
29 October	Headlice Check
30 October	World Teachers' Day
4 November	Zone Athletics at Poroti School
5 November	Central Calf Club Day
10 November	Meeting of Board of Trustees (6:00pm)
13 November	W.G.H.S. Orientation Day
20-22 November	Whanau weekend at Te Hapua Marae
23 November	Home garden diaries due
23 November	Art portfolios due
24 November	Year 4 to 6 Interschool Athletics (pp 26.11)
28 November	Home garden judging
1 December	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics (pp 4.12)
3 December	School Team Athletics Day
8 December	School prize-giving (6:30pm)
9 December	2016 class lists on display (hall notice board)
11 December	Reports issued / Final assembly (2:30pm)
14 December	Final school day 2015

... start date for 2016 will be Tuesday 2nd February

### Virtue - term 4

Please continue your good work at home on the RESPECT virtue and keep us informed of any special developments so we can celebrate these together.

### International Schools Competitions

Result sheets for the International schools competitions will be sent home to parents on 9 November. Participation certificates will be given out at a forthcoming assembly, placement certificates (and cups) will be awarded at prize giving.

### Hospice Fundraiser

As part of their Genius Hour programme, Connan and Eve from room 10 will hold a barbeque and bake sale (\$1-50 per item) at school at 12:35pm on Tuesday 17 November. So .. please put aside some coins to help them in this worthy cause. Order forms will be sent to classrooms on 12 November.

### In brief from last week

... Please ensure that your child brings their sunhat to school each day (can be purchased from the office)  
... Parents who applied for out of zone placements at Matarau School in 2016 (whose children are in priorities 3 to 6) will have received notification of acceptance last week. Questions to the office please.  
... Parents of children in priority 2 (siblings already at Matarau School) are reminded that, if you submitted an application form for your child by the cut off day of 14 October, a place has been reserved for this child for 2016. If you did not submit an application form we regret that we will not be able to enrol your child in 2016.  
... **Please send any school cups along to school next week ... we are on the countdown to prize giving**  
... If able to assist with lunchtime athletics activities, starting from 27 October, please give Kevin a call. You can choose your preferred field event and your preferred day.  
... if you have picked up a greenstone necklace that has a brown handmade plaited string could you return to school asap .. this is very special to someone.

### School Spelling Bee – Year 4 and up

.. gets underway in classes shortly and in the wider school soon after. If your child is chosen to represent their class well done, please encourage them as we near the finals.

### Zone Athletics – Poroti School – 4 November – Years 4 to 8 – 4 November

If you have not yet returned your child's consent form please send this to school on Monday.  
A reminder please that children are asked to bring school sunhats, something warm, lunch, plenty to drink and sunblock and spending money at your discretion.  
Please also ensure that children wear their Matarau T-Shirts, these can be purchased from the office for \$30 for the new quick dry fabric, or \$20 for the larger older style polo shirts.

### Cambridge Pathways ... important message for parents of year 6 and 7 students

We will have pathway recommendations ready by Monday 16 November, and interested parents are invited to make an appointment with their child's teacher if they would like to discuss this with us. **So ... if you would like feedback or input please make an appointment to see your child's teacher somewhere in the week beginning 16 November.**

### Buses

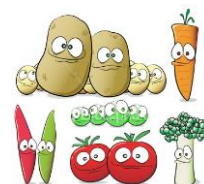
Please advise the school office by 2:45pm if your child(ren) will not be travelling on their customary bus ... searching for "missing" children can be pretty time consuming.

### School contributions / Activity Fees

Payment requests for the above will be sent out next week ... and for any other outstanding fees. If you have any questions about these please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### Home Gardening Meeting

This will be held on **Tuesday 3rd November**. At this meeting the notice for judging will be issued. If you do not receive the notice, the notice will be posted on the Matarau School Facebook page and the school wiki, after the 3rd November. Judging date is the 28th November so aim to have your gardens looking their best at this time and students need to continue to work on their diaries. Keep the photos coming to [sabbott@atarau.school.nz](mailto:sabbott@atarau.school.nz) as the children enjoy seeing these at the meetings. Please remind children to update their garden Dairies periodically. Home Garden Dairies are due in to the office no later than Monday 23rd November.



### Marae Trip

On Friday 20th and Saturday 21st November a trip will be made to Te Hiku o Te Ika Marae near Cape Reinga. We will be learning some of the local history & songs as well as visiting places like Te Paki Stream, Cape Reinga and perhaps Spirits Bay for some fun activities. It is not run in the same way a school camp is conducted. Parents/caregivers must attend with their children or with another designated adult. Supervision is not the school's responsibility. The cost of staying on the marae is funded by Matarau Whanau Group

fundraising. We take a pot luck approach to food. So the only significant cost is fuel to travel there. This trip is available to all families of Matarau students but is limited to 100. Expressions of interest by email to Sue at [sabbott@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sabbott@matarau.school.nz) or to the Matarau Whanau Facebook page.



### **Art Scholarship (Years 4 to 8)**

Please give Kevin a call with any questions. Teachers are more than willing to provide encouragement and advice to children on request. **Art portfolios are due to the school office by 3:30pm Monday 23 November.**

### **Term Headlice Inspection**

This week's inspection indicated moderate levels of headlice infestation, particularly in parts of the junior school. If you received a letter advising the presence, or suspected presence, of headlice, please take appropriate action before your child returns to school on Monday. A follow up inspection for next week is likely.

### **Finally**

A special acknowledgement this week of Alfred Daly (year 1) who received an apology from another child last week without hesitation, and with commendable grace. Alfred, they say that those able to forgive, and to move on, have healthier and longer lives ... given what I saw last week you are well on track for both. Thanks Alfred.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
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## **Community Notices**

**Kamo Swimming Club** - Stroke Improvement lessons held Kamo High School Pool, end of Wilkinson Ave. Children need to be able to swim a basic freestyle/backstroke 10-15m without stopping. Registration day Friday 30 October at 4.30pm Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo, from Monday 2nd November at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights held regularly. Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season - very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent. Great opportunity for high school age / competent swimmers to get fit over summer & improve their swimming. Contact Karena Nesbit - 027 470 7955 for more details.



**Ruatangata Hall – Variety Fundraising Concert**, Saturday 31 October 7.30pm. All welcome. Contact Pam Morgan for details - [pamzant@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pamzant@xtra.co.nz)

**Home Stay Hosts** - Kamo High School is currently looking for Homestay families to host International students from a range of countries. Host families are required to provide a single room with a bed and desk, three meals a day, inclusion into their family and a willingness to share cultures. Contact Patsy Yearbury on (021) 418 177 or email [patsy.yearbury@kamohigh.school.nz](mailto:patsy.yearbury@kamohigh.school.nz)

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Maunu School Country Fair** - Cnr State Highway 14 and Austin Road , Maunu  
Saturday 7th November from 10am to 2p

**Ruatangata Playcentre AGM** to be held Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 12 noon. Queries to phone: 438 2155 or email: [north.playcentre@actrix.co.nz](mailto:north.playcentre@actrix.co.nz)

**Become a 'Marine Hero' for Conservation Week (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November)** - To celebrate conservation week, Experiencing Marine Reserves (EMR) is organising a **free Community Guided Snorkel Day at Reotahi from 10am till 3pm on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> November** Register at the event on the day. Sea conditions permitting. Postponements on our website [www.emr.org.nz](http://www.emr.org.nz) - Bring your own gear or get free hire of our mask, snorkel, fins and wetsuits. Recommended for everyone 5 years and up. All children under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult beach observer. Experienced guides and advanced safety procedures will be in place on the day. Other dates this summer's Community Guided Snorkel Day series at Reotahi include: 4<sup>th</sup> Jan, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb & 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016



